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Application No.: 09/505,887) Examiner: C. Dexter
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
PROVIDING POSITIVE CONTROL)
OF A PRINTABLE MEDIUM IN A)
PRINTING SYSTEM)

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 02 October 2002, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 20-27 are pending. Claims 20-23 and 27 are under consideration, as dependent claims 24-26 were withdrawn from consideration following on an election in response to an Office Action dated June 8, 2001. However, upon allowance of the sole independent claim 20 in the present application, it is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims 24-26, which depend therefrom, also be allowed.

In numbered paragraph 5 on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 20-23 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 3,623,386 (Bach et al). This rejection is